

# Second order asymptotic efficiency for a Poisson process

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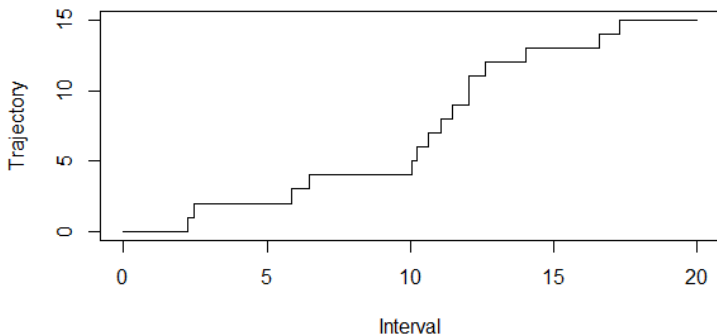
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- The positive function  $\lambda(\cdot)$  is called the intensity function and the periodicity of a Poisson process means the periodicity of its intensity function

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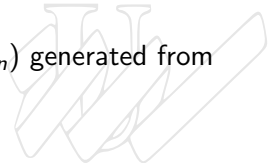
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- Demanding existence of derivatives of higher order of the unknown function, we can enlarge the class of as. efficient estimators.

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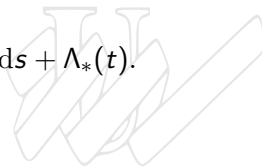


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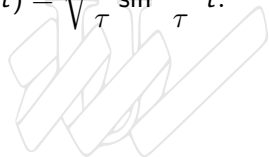
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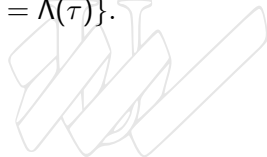
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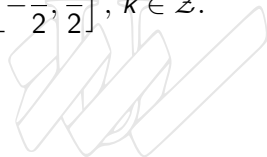
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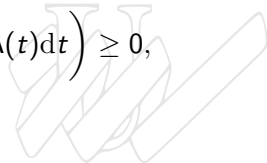




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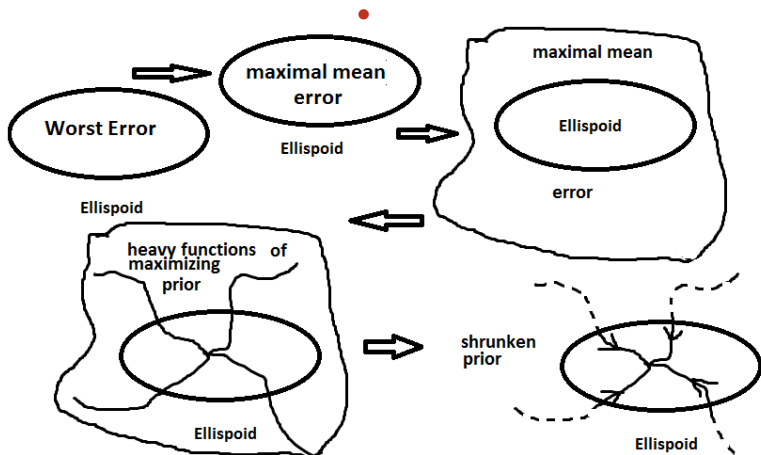
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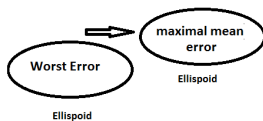


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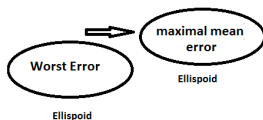


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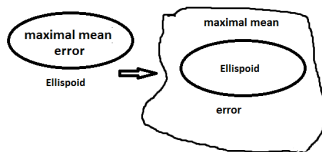


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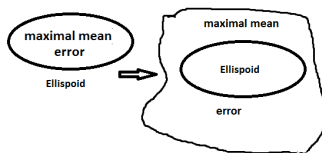
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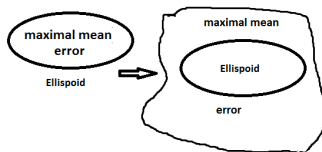


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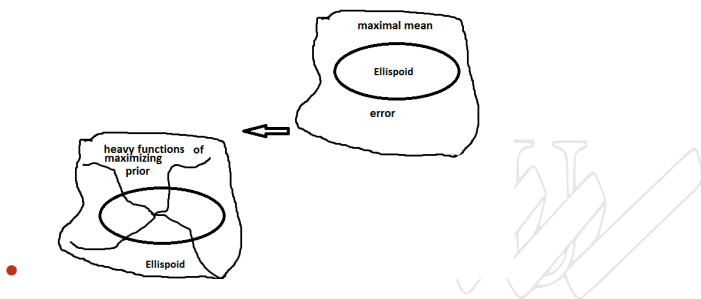


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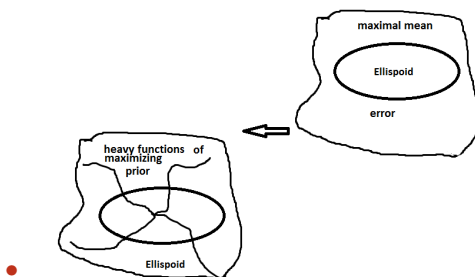
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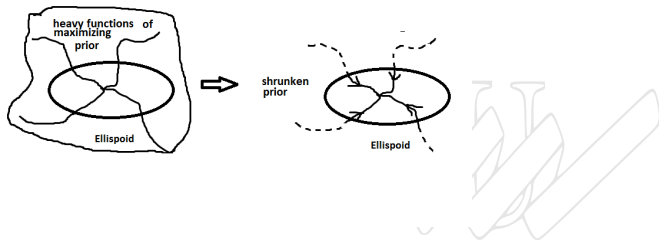
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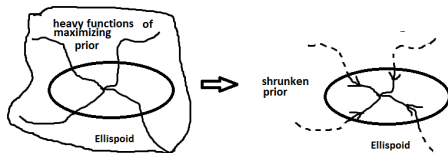
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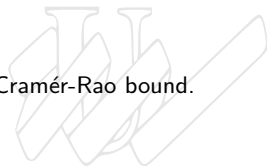
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